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FROM: H.W. GAISCH 3RD JULY, 1984

SUBJECT: BARCLAY, SWITZERLAND

THE THIRD SECTION OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC AND CANTON OF GENEVA RULED IN CHAMBERS ON 29TH JUNE, 1984, THAT THE TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AGAINST THE 1MG DECLARATION OF BARCLAY BE GRANTED.
WITHOUT GOING INTO MUCH DETAIL AT THIS STAGE, SOME PASSAGES - TRANSLATED FROM FRENCH - ARE WORTH QUOTING:

'.. INDEPENDENT OF THE FACT THAT IT IS EXPLICITLY MENTIONED IN THE LAW, THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF ARTICLE 1 OF THE LAW ON UNFAIR COMPETITION, I.E. THE PRINCIPLE OF BONA FIDE IN THE DOMAINE OF COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, DOES NOT NECESSITATE IN ANY WAY THE EXISTENCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE STANDARDS'

BY THIS THE COURT SAYS THAT ONE DOESN'T NEED STANDARD METHODS TO REPORT CORRECT FIGURES. THE COURT GOES ON TO SAY:

'.. THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED BY THE PLAINTIFFS MAKES IT HIGHLY LIKELY THAT THE ADVERTISING SLOGANS OF CIGARETTES WITH LOW TAR AND NICOTINE YIELDS ARE CAPABLE OF MISLEADING CONSUMERS AS TO THE ACTUAL QUALITIES OF THE PRODUCT WHICH ARE OBJECTIVELY FALSE.'

THIS JUDGEMENT WAS RECEIVED BY OUR LAWYERS BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 11 A.M. THIS MORNING (3RD JULY). ALSO TODAY, OFFICIALLY, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER SIDE MUST HAVE BEEN INFORMED, SO THAT THEY COULD, IF THEY SO WISH, TIME AN APPEAL (BUT NOT, IN GENERAL LAW) TO THE FEDERAL COURT OF APPEALS). THE CONTENTS OF WHICH ARE STILL NOT KNOWN TO US. UPON RECEIPT, THE PRESIDENT MAY, IF CIRCUMSTANCES SO REQUIRE, ISSUE PRELIMINARY MEASURES, I.E. SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF THE LOWER COURT'S DECISION.
THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WITHIN ONE WEEK, UPON HEARING THE TWO SIDES, WHETHER OR NOT TO MAINTAIN THESE PRELIMINARY MEASURES. I SUPPOSE WE COULD HAVE TO CONVINCE FURTHER JUDGES EVENTUALLY THAT HE HAD TAKEN THE RIGHT DECISION.
NEVER A DULL MOMENT. KIND REGARDS AND BEST WISHES.
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